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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

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1. DEPT WILL NOTE FROM REF C THAT BULGARIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION GOING TO CANADA, WHICH ORIGINALLY WAS TO HAVE TRANSISTED US IN SEPTEMBER, WILL BE IN NEW YORK OCT 23/24 EN ROUTE FROM OTTAWA TO PRAGUE. DELEGATION IS HEADED BY VLADIMIR BONEV, C QIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, WHO PLAYED PROMINENT ROLE WHEN CODEL SPARKMAN WAS HERE IN APRIL.

2. GROUP WILL HAVE SOMEWHAT OVER ONE DAY BETWEEN PLANES IN NEW YORK. REQUEST THAT STATE DEPT RECEPTION CENTER IN NEW YORK BE ASKED TO EXTEND COURTESIES TO BONEV AND HIS GROUP DURING THEIR STOPOVER; OR IF BULGARIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON AND/OR BULGARIAN MISSION TO UN HAVE OTHER PLANS, WE AT LEAST LET THEM KNOW THAT WE STAND READY TO HELP. THIS COURTESY WOULD COST US LITTLE AND WOULD HELP REMOVE POSSIBLE FEELING OF BONEV THAT EARLIER APPROACH ABOUT WASHINGTON VISIT (REF A) HAD BEEN REBUFFED.

3. ALSO, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED I INTEND TO TELL BONEV WHEN I NEXT SEE HIM THAT WE REGRET HE IS GOING TO BE IN US DURING CONGRESSIONAL RECESS; THAT WE REMEMBER THE KINDNESSES HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES SHOWED TO CODEL
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SPARKMAN AND EARLIER TO CODEL SYMINTON; AND THAT WE

HOPE THER WILL BE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY WHEN TIMING WOULD
PERMIT HIM TO STOP OFF IN WASHINGTON TO VISIT SOME OF
THE US LAWMAKERS WHOM HE RECEIVED WHEN THEY WERE IN
SOFIA.
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